

On the nongermane amendments, you run into problems like we have run into in these last couple of days. There are some really big issues people are objecting to and not allowing these other amendments to be heard unless they get theirs. We have this habeas corpus issue, and there has been all kinds of talk on that. That is okay, from my perspective, but we have spent a lot of time on that issue before. We have over on this side something dealing with Katrina about which Senator LANDRIEU feels very strongly. We have a Senator over here who is interested in the PATRIOT Act and changing that. It goes back and forth, with both sides having all kinds of things they want, but it is an open process.

Now, the one thing that maybe we can do in the future to make things a little more orderly is have an open amendment process. But when an amendment is called, we have to dispose of that. What we have tried to do here is have people come and give their statements about amendments they want to offer, and we have allowed them to offer them. What happens is you get too many amendments stacked up, and it gives individual Senators, frankly, too much power because they hold everybody else hostage.

So I think what we are going to do in the future—and I will discuss this in more detail with the distinguished Republican leader—is have open amendments but not allow these amendments to be stacked up. By doing it the way we have done it here, trying to be more open, it takes away a lot of the authority of the two managers because the authority on these bills floats to individual Senators because they have all these amendments and they want to offer them, which I have no problem with, but they won't allow other people to have votes on their amendments unless they get amendments.

This legislative process is the art of compromise and trying to work things out. Quite frankly, during the last couple of days, we have had Senators on both sides who have been very uncompromising, and it has made it very difficult for the managers and I would think Senator McCONNELL and myself.

Having said that, I appreciate all the problems we have here. Remember, for 220 years, this has been the U.S. Senate. It is a wonderful institution. Sometimes, however, it can be very consternating to work things through, but we will get it done.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. REID. Mr. President, if there is no other business and if the Republican leader has no further business, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:43 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, March 8, 2007, at 9:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate March 7, 2007:

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

JOSEPH TIMOTHY KELLHER, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION FOR THE TERM EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2012. (REAPPOINTMENT)

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

KERRI LAYNE BRIGGS, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, VICE HENRY LOUIS JOHNSON, RESIGNED.

INSTITUTE OF MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES

DOUGLAS G. MYERS, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 6, 2011, VICE PETER HERO, TERM EXPIRED.

JEFFREY PATCHEN, OF INDIANA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 6, 2011, VICE JOHN E. BUCHANAN, JR., TERM EXPIRED.

LOTSEE PATTERSON, OF OKLAHOMA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 6, 2011, VICE DONALD LESLIE, TERM EXPIRED.

FOREIGN SERVICE

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED PERSONS OF THE AGENCIES INDICATED FOR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS OF THE CLASSES STATED.

FOR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS OF CLASS TWO, CONSULAR OFFICERS AND SECRETARIES IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

PATRICIA A. MILLER, OF MARYLAND

FOR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS OF CLASS THREE, CONSULAR OFFICERS AND SECRETARIES IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

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RAGIP SARITABAK, OF CONNECTICUT
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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FOR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS OF CLASS FOUR, CONSULAR OFFICERS AND SECRETARIES IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

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